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SUBJ: ANGOLA: DETAINED AMCIT CARYLE MURPHY

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1. ACCORDING TO AUGUST 17 "JORNAL NOVO" CARYLE MURPHY, "WASHINGTON POST" STRINGER WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED BY ANGOLAN SECURITY SERVICE (DISA) UNDER SUSPICION OF ESPIONAGE, ARRIVED IN LISBON ON AUGUST 16 AFTER EXPULSION FROM ANGOLA. AS OF LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 19 MURPHY HAS NOT CONTACTED EMBASSY AND AMERICAN WIRE SERVICES IN LISBON. SHE IS, HOWEVER, STAYING AT THE ALTIS HOTEL.

2. ABOVE "JORNAL NOVO" INFORMATION WAS CONTAINED IN THE INTRODUCTION TO AN ARTICLE SUPPOSEDLY WRITTEN BY MURPHY HERSELF CONCERNING HER DETENTION AND EXPULSION FROM ANGOLA. HIGHLIGHTS OF ARTICLE:

-- MURPHY WAS CALLED IN BY LUIS DE ALMEIDA, RPA DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INFORMATION, AND TOLD THAT AN ARTICLE SHE HAD WRITTEN ON RPA PRESIDENT NETO'S NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY AND INTRA-GOVERNMENT DISSENSATION WHICH IT

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CAUSED WAS FOUND "INSULTING". DECLARING THE MEETING ENDED,

ALMEIDA INFORMED HER "YOU HAVE ALREADY SAID ENOUGH."
DURING FOLLOWING ELEVEN DAYS SHE WAS UNDER DISA HOUSE
ARREST AND INVESTIGATION.

-- DURING DETENTION PERIOD MURPHY WAS HELD
INCOMMUNICADO, SAVE FOR ONE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH
THE "WASHINGTON POST"; ALL HER PERSONAL BELONGINGS,
ESPECIALLY HER JOURNALISTIC NOTES AND CONTACT LISTS,
WERE CAREFULLY STUDIED AND RETURNED. TREATMENT WAS
CORRECT, IF NOT CONSIDERATE, ON THE PART OF THE ONE TO
THREE DISA AGENTS WITH HER AT ALL TIMES.

-- REASON FOR HER DETENTION WAS THAT RPA OFFICIALS
"WERE CONCERNED THAT THE ECONOMIC, MILITARY, AND
POLITICAL INFORMATION THAT I WAS GATHERING FOR MY
ARTICLES COULD BE USED TO "DESTABLIZE" THEIR GOVERNMENT.
THEY THOUGHT OF CHILE. ONE OF THE DISA MEN EXPLAINED
THEIR THINKING, SAYING THAT WHAT I WAS DOING WAS
EQUIVALENT TO 'SPYING IN THE OPEN'." SHE WAS TOLD BY
ANOTHER AGENT "NO, YOU'RE NOT A SPY, BUT YOU PLAY
'THEIR' GAME."

3. TEXT OF MURPHY ARTICLE BEING FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT
SEPARATELY.
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